

**[Mrs. Etta Shaw]**

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Edna B. Pearson ADDRESS 108 E 13 South Sioux

DATE January 23, 1939 SUBJECT Interview No. 8

1. Name and address of informant Mrs. Etta Shaw 123 E 18 South Sioux City
2. Date and time of interview January 23, 1939 at 10 a.m.
3. Place of interview at her home 123 E 18 St. So. Sioux
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant no one
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you no one

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### 6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

Informant lives in a large, square house, painted cream. With her mother, a woman about 96 years of age. I thought the mother, Mrs. [Lindsey?], was the one I wanted to interview but it seems that she has not been here only about twenty years, and Mrs. Shaw has been here about 48 years. The house and yard are very nicely kept up, both inside and outside, as Mr. Shaw is a retired railroad man and has plenty of time to care for the place. The rooms are large, nicely furnished and nicely cared for.

### FORM B Personal History of Informant

#### NAME OF WORKER ADDRESS

DATE January 23, 1939 SUBJECT Interview No. 8

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Etta Shaw, 123 E 19th, South Sioux City

1. Ancestry - Father Thomas Lindsey; [Mother?] [Rachael?] Ann Phillips Lindsey
2. Place and date of birth,- Franklin, Venango Co. Penn., in 1872
3. Family, two sons, both living
4. Place lived in, with dates - Pennsylvania until [1890.?] Dakota Co. from 1890 until present[.?]
5. Education, with dates - raduated from Franklin, Pa. High School in 1890
6. Occupations and accomplishments - Housewife and home-maker
7. Special skills and interests - No special skills, but very much interested in Church and [Dodge?] work and one or two [societies?].

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8. Community and religious activities - Member [Presbyterian?] Church and Ladies Aid Society, member of Order of Eastern Star, Charter member of Dakota City Chapter for 46 years, and member of South Sioux City Women's Club and a little local club at Dakota City.

9. Description of informant - Tall, rather slender, white hair and dark brown eyes, very nice appearing

10. Other points gained in interview - Informant was very glad and willing to be of all the [hel?] to [?] she could; is very pleasant and sociable.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited) 108 E 18 So. Sioux

[John B. Pearson?]

Interview No. 8

January 23, 1939

NAME OF WORKER Mrs. Etta Shaw Address 123 E 18 So. Sioux

DATE SUBJECT

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[We?] used to all get together and have real old fashioned parties and played games, but the young folks never did play cards. It seemed that the churches were so much more strict those days about playing cards and dancing [than?] they are now. We used to play charades, and another favorite game [with?] us was "Drunken Sailor", which was played a good deal like "London Bridge". The rest would form a line and pass under the bridge. [They?] the would all sing: "What shall you do with the drunken sailor: Put him in a boat

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and sail him over; Sometimes drunk and sometimes sober, [Will?] the fall of the year comes in October.”

Then the two forming the bridge, would grab the one going under the bridge. We played [Ante?]-Over, base ball, etc.

[Uncle George [Boals'?] brother's wife, Hannah Boals, was the first white woman in this part of Nebraska. George Boals' wife and my mother were sistors. When my mother's sister, Mary Boals, George Boals' wife, came here as a [bride?] she walked across the Missouri river on the ice[;?] they come from Pennsylvania on the train and David Boals, Hannah's husband, met [them?] on the Nebraska side of the Missouri and took them home with him.

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Here are some of the verses written in my autograph album: “Our lives are albums, written through With good or ill, with false or true And as the [blessed?] angels turn the pages of our years God grant they read the good with [smiles?] And blot the ill with [teats?].” “Strive to keep the Golden Rule And learn your lessons well at school.” “Remember, Oh! Remember, Where we used to go to school, And then, again, remember, How we used to act the fool.” “In the golden casket of memory Drop one pearl for me. “Friendship is a golden note Tied by an angel's hand.”